(b) As per prevailing practices in BSNL, Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) is in place for second line maintenance of equipment with the network supply vendors. Moreover, it has been decided to outsource the work of diesel filling in remote areas, wherever internal resources are inadequate.

(c) Enhanced efficiency in maintenance of Base Transceiver Station (BTS) sites.

Saving accounts in post offices

763. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of post offices so far as coverage of population and villages is concerned in Jharkhand;

(b) the number of postal saving accounts at present in Jharkhand;

(c) the number of these that belong to women; and

(d) the target set for opening of new saving accounts in post offices during 2009-10?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT): (a) At the present 3093 Post Offices consisting of 13 HOs, 435 SOs and. 2645 BOs an covering the population and villages in Jharkhand.

(b) Number of Savings Accounts in Jharkhand circle is 49, 93, 224 at the end of 31.10.2009.

(c) No separate information regarding accounts belonging to women is maintained.

(d) The target for opening of new Savings Accounts in Post Office in Jharkhand during 2009-10 is 25.26 Lakh.

Availability of 3G spectrum

764. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is disparity between availability of 3G spectrum across different circles;

(b) if so, in what manner Government propose to address the issue of disparity between availability of 3G spectrum across different circles;

(c) the number of operators that are planned to be awarded 3G spectrum in each of the service areas; and

(d) the manner in which Government proposes to make available more spectrum in these areas and the time-frame for making available such spectrum?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir.